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Dear Commissioner:

Enclosed for filing please find a response to a non-final Office Action dated September 10, 2003. A shortened statutory period of three (3) months was set for response. A two-month Petition for Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) is also enclosed with a check for the \$210 small entity extension fee.

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